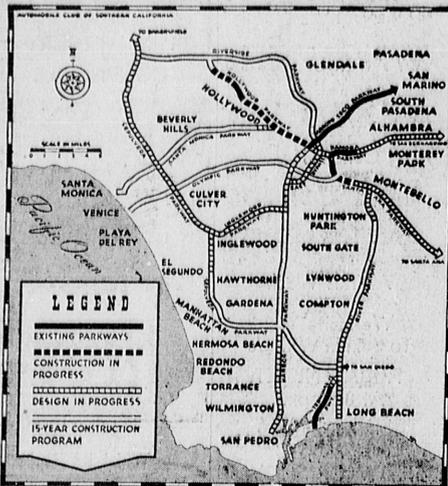


ONE YEAR OF PROGRESS



Typical of Southern California's outstanding progress in freeway development during the past year is the Los Angeles area where some 165 miles of current highway construction and planning is now under way. This Auto Club map shows area where approximately \$10,000,000 in structural costs and \$9,000,000 for right-of-ways were spent during the past fiscal year in developing modern freeways.

Berkeley Man Says Reserves Being Depleted

The present rate of population and industrial expansion of California cannot be permanently supported by the available natural resources of the state.

This is a warning of Dr. James Parsons, lecturer in geography on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, who recently concluded a study of the subject.

Diminishing reserves of oil and gas, power shortages in years of near-normal rainfall and the high cost of limited quantities of available fresh water are storm warnings for the future, Dr. Parsons said.

The population of the state as a whole increased 74 per cent during the period from 1929 to 1947, he pointed out. During the same period, Dr. Parsons stated, factory jobs increased 66 per cent.

He pointed out that the Los Angeles area has outstripped the San Francisco Bay area as an industrial center for California.

During the 1929-47 period, factory employment for the Bay Area increased only 32 per cent while population showed a 45 per cent gain, as contrasted for the much higher gain for the state as a whole, the gain being accounted for largely by industrialization of the Los Angeles area.

Device Is Aid to Oil Drilling

Higher drilling speeds are foreseen by General Electric's perfection of a bit weight-control device. Engineers said it is capable of controlling automatically the weight of a bit down as far as 18,000 feet.

The device "feels" the weight of the underground drill through electric impulses which in turn properly adjusts the hoisting mechanism to maintain constant force on the stem.

"I take things very easy," — 36-year-old Prince Bertie of Sweden, explaining why he is a bachelor.

Progress on Freeways in County Told

Some 400 miles of divided highway modernization and planning is now under way in Southern California. An estimated \$28,000,000 was spent in this area during the past fiscal year (July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948) for construction and rights-of-way developments.

These are highlights in California's outstanding first year in freeway development under the revenue provisions of the Collier-Burns Highway Act adopted 12 months ago. The breakdown in the past year's freeway spending included \$19,000,000 in the Los Angeles area.

Preliminary planning, right-of-way procurement and some construction work also was started last year on the following Los Angeles county expressways: Harbor, Sepulveda, Inglewood, Riverside, Ramona, Santa Ana River, Terminal Island, East Bay Pass, Santa Monica and Olympic.

Billets Open for Pilots in Naval Reserve

For the first time in two years there are now openings for pilots in the Organized Reserve at Los Alamitos Naval Air Station. Because of the requirements of the Fleet many of the Los Alamitos Organized Reserve pilots have left for active service with Operating Units.

Fliers with torpedo and fighter plane experience are particularly wanted. However, numerous vacancies exist in other capacities for officers, including several hundred billets for enlisted personnel.

Commissioned officers who have contacted the air base in an effort to get into the Organized Reserve and were not able to do so due to a lack of billets are now urged to re-contact the Reserve Training Officer at the air station.

Smog Sources Are Reduced at 135 Plants

Despite a double holiday at its start, the month of June showed a slight gain in the elimination of smog sources in Southern Los Angeles and other areas of Los Angeles County, according to Dr. Louis C. McCabe, Air Pollution Control Director.

In 135 plants, large and small, which had previously been served with written notices of violation, the conditions were corrected and the notices revoked. In 41 other offenses, the situation was corrected on the spot, and no notices were filed.

During the month, 1078 industrial inspections were carried out. They resulted in issuance of 175 field notices of violation, 26 citations for office hearings, and six "stop-work" orders, usually because the required permit had not been applied for.

"It was pretty nice, I thought," — Pilot Chas. E. Yeager, after making supersonic flight at 761 miles per hour.

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